

time. As soon as practicable, the authorized officer shall confirm an oral order by a written notice to the holder addressed to the holder or the holder's designated agent.

(c) An order of immediate temporary suspension of activities shall remain effective until the authorized officer issues an order permitting resumption of activities.

(d) Any time after an order of immediate temporary suspension has been issued, the holder may file with the authorized officer a request for permission to resume. The request shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the facts supporting the request.

(e) The authorized officer may render an order to either grant or deny the request to resume within 5 working days of the date the request is filed. If the authorized officer does not render an order on the request within 5 working days, the request shall be considered denied, and the holder shall have the same right to appeal the denial as if a final order denying the request had been issued by the authorized officer.

#### **§ 2803.4 Suspension and termination of right-of-way authorizations.**

(a) If the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit provides by its terms that it shall terminate on the occurrence of a fixed or agreed-upon condition, event, or time, the right-of-way authorization shall thereupon automatically terminate by operation of law, unless some other procedure is specified in the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit. The authorized officer may terminate a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit when the holder requests or consents to its termination in writing.

(b) The authorized officer may suspend or terminate a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit if he determines that the holder has failed to comply with applicable laws or regulations, or any terms, conditions or stipulations of the right-of-way grant or temporary use permit or has abandoned the right-of-way.

(c) Failure of the holder of a right-of-way grant to use the right-of-way for the purpose for which the authorization was issued for any continuous five-year period shall constitute a pre-

sumption of abandonment. The holder may rebut the presumption by proving that his failure to use the right-of-way was due to circumstances not within the holder's control.

(d) Before suspending or terminating a right-of-way grant pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice that such action is contemplated and the grounds therefor and shall allow the holder a reasonable opportunity to cure such noncompliance.

(e) In the case of a right-of-way grant that is under its terms an easement, the authorized officer shall give written notice to the holder of the suspension or termination and shall refer the matter to the Office of Hearings and Appeals for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge pursuant to 43 CFR part 4. If the Administrative Law Judge determines that grounds for suspension or termination exist and such action is justified, the authorized officer shall suspend or terminate the right-of-way grant.

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#### **§ 2803.4-1 Disposition of improvements upon terminations.**

Within a reasonable time after termination, revocation or cancellation of a right-of-way grant, the holder shall, unless directed otherwise in writing by the authorized officer, remove such structures and improvements and shall restore the site to a condition satisfactory to the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all such structures or improvements within a reasonable period, as determined by the authorized officer, they shall become the property of the United States, but the holder shall remain liable for the cost of removal of the structures and improvements and for restoration of the site.

#### **§ 2803.5 Change in Federal jurisdiction or disposal of lands.**

(a) Where a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit administered under these regulations traverses public lands that are transferred to another Federal agency, administration

of the right-of-way shall, at the discretion of the authorized officer, be assigned to the acquiring agency unless such assignment would diminish the rights of the holder.

(b) Where a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit traverses public lands that are transferred out of Federal ownership, the transfer of the land shall, at the discretion of the authorized officer, include an assignment of the right-of-way, be made subject to the right-of-way, or the United States may reserve unto itself the land encumbered by the right-of-way.

**§ 2803.6 Amendments, assignments and renewals.**

**§ 2803.6-1 Amendments.**

(a) Any substantial deviation in location or use as set forth in § 2803.2(b) of this title shall require the holder of a grant or permit to file an amended application. The requirements for the amended application and the filing are the same and shall be accomplished in the manner as set forth in subpart 2802 of this title.

(b) Holders of right-of-way grants issued before October 21, 1976, who find it necessary to amend their grants shall comply with paragraph (a) of this section in filing their applications. Upon acceptance of the amended application by the authorized officer an amended right-of-way grant shall be issued. To the fullest extent possible, and when in the public interest as determined from current land use plans and other management decisions, the amended grant shall contain the same terms and conditions set forth in the original grant with respect to annual rent, duration and nature of interest.

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**§ 2803.6-2 Amendments to existing railroad grants.**

(a) An amended application required under § 2803.6-1(a) or (b), as appropriate, shall be filed with the authorized officer for any realignment of a railroad and appurtenant communication facilities which are required to be relocated due to the realignment. Upon acceptance of the amended application by the authorized officer, an amended right-

of-way grant shall be issued within 6 months of date of acceptance of the application. The date of acceptance of the application for the purpose of this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with § 2802.4(a) of this title.

(b) Notwithstanding the regulations of this part, the authorized officer may include in the amended grant the same terms and conditions of the original grant with respect to the payment of annual rental, duration, and nature of interest if he/she finds them to be in the public interest and the lands involved are not within an incorporated community and are of approximately equal value.

**§ 2803.6-3 Assignments.**

Any proposed assignment in whole or in part of any right or interest in a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit acquired pursuant to the regulations of this part shall be filed in accordance with §§ 2802.1-1 and 2802.3 of this title. The application for assignment shall be accompanied by the same showing of qualifications of the assignee as if the assignee were filing an application for a right-of-way grant or temporary use permit under the regulations of this part. In addition, the assignment shall be supported by a stipulation that the assignee agrees to comply with and to be bound by the terms and conditions of the grant to be assigned. No assignment shall be recognized unless and until it is approved in writing by the authorized officer. The authorized officer may, at the time of approval of the assignment, modify or add bonding requirements.

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**§ 2803.6-4 Reimbursement of costs for assignments.**

(a) All filings for assignments, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, made pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a non-refundable payment of \$50 from the assignor. Exceptions for a nonrefundable payment for an assignment are the same as in § 2803.1 of this title.

(b) Where a holder assigns more than 1 right-of-way grant as a single action, the authorized officer may, due to